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**PPCOA Files Complaint Against Mayor Wheeler, Commissioner Hardesty and Commissioner Eudaly**

*Complaint alleges public statements were derogatory and hostile and damaged his professional work environment*

**PORTLAND, Ore.** – Today the Portland Police Commanding Officers Association (PPCOA) filed a complaint with Chief Human Resources Officer Serilda Summers-McGee against Mayor Ted Wheeler, Commissioner JoAnn Hardesty and Commissioner Chloe Eudaly. PPCOA believes their various public statements regarding Lieutenant Jeff Niiya are violations of Bureau of Human Resources Administrative Rule 2.02. This rule prohibits workplace harassment, discrimination and retaliation. In addition, the PPCOA has filed a grievance against the City for a violation of the labor agreement based on the various public statements.

Our job is to keep the people of Portland safe. That means building bridges and developing cordial relationships with diverse groups and individuals. We have regular open communication with the mayor's office about our work and the tactics we employ. This situation is no different. Mayor Ted Wheeler's statement about our communications with Patriot Prayer organizers is either disingenuous or shows willful ignorance of the situation. Either way it shows that during his two years as Portland Police Commissioner he has failed to develop an understanding of even basic police work.

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